

**1/5/09 - Monday, January 5, 2009**

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of January 5, 2009**

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Ken Ziehr, Katrinka Bourne, Ken Fulgione, Bob Von Haden, John Mann

Members Absent: Sue Nelson

Minutes. The minutes of the December 1, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

**1. Election of Officers. The following officers were selected by the Commission.**

Chairperson. Ken Ziehr moved to nominate Jenny Ebert as Chairperson. Katrina Bourne seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairperson. John Mann moved to nominate Ken Ziehr as Vice-Chairperson. Ken Fulgione seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Secretary. Ken Ziehr moved to nominate Sue Nelson as secretary. John Mann seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Public Hearing and Consideration of Landmark Designation of 1705 Park Avenue Pursuant to Chapter 2.65.**

The Commission held a public hearing to consider the landmark designation of 1705 Park Avenue as a local landmark pursuant to Chapter 2.65 of the City Code. The property known as the James and Katherine Wickham House was constructed in c.1926; however, the builder and architect were not

The house is within the Park Company National Register Historic District that was designated in 2002.

Patrick Kurtenbach, owner of the property was present at the meeting supporting the designation of the property.

The Commission discussed the nomination noting that they felt it was important both for its architecture and based on the importance of James Wickham. Wickham, a lawyer, was an important personage in Eau Claire and the state in the early 1900s, as he argued cases at the State and Supreme Court level, and as a jurist presided over a number of important trials in the local and state courts.

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved to designate 1705 Park Avenue as a local landmark pursuant to Chapter 2.65 finding that the property is significant as it represents a distinguishing example of Colonial Revival architecture within the City and is

**3. Discussion of Commission Goals for 2009.**

The Commission reviewed projects completed in 2008 and discussed projects that should be considered for 2009. Potential projects discussed for 2009 included: updating the Landmarks Tour Booklet, working on a Preservation Week activity, preparing additional brochures (possible relating to a theme such as featuring buildings designed by Edward Hancock), producing a program for Community Television, and working on the CLG project (if funding is approved.) The Commission indicated that they would discuss this further at their next meeting.

**4. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.**

A. Discussion of 602 Water Street. The Commission continued their discussion regarding some exterior changes that had been made to 602 Water Street (Ottawa House.) This is a commercial building and the front windows have been covered with wood. Pat explained the history of the work and noted that he had found out that several facade loan programs may be available to the building owner to make exterior improvements to the front facade. Rather than ask the owner to attend a Commission meeting, it was suggested that a subcommittee of the Commission meet with the owner at his property. Ken Ziehr, Katrina Bourne, and John Mann volunteered to serve on the Committee and meet with the owner prior to the next Commission meeting.

B. Discussion of Status of Third Ward Historic Landmark District. The Commission continued their discussion regarding the status of the Third Ward Historic Landmark District and the properties that had opted out of the district in 1992. Ken Fulgione indicated that he did not have an opportunity to meet with the three property owners located on the east side of Farwell Street as discussed at the December meeting and asked the Commission to delay discussion on the issue until he had time to meet with these three property owners.

C. Brochures and Newsletter. Completed brochures featuring the Historic City Hall/Library and Boyd Bandshell were distributed to the Commission.

D. Upcoming Commission Meeting. The Commission discussed the meeting date for next Commission meeting noting some schedule conflicts for the regular February meeting. The Commission decided to not meet on the regular meeting day of February 2nd, and if needed, schedule a special meeting later in the month.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.